lands—is it to eject these people totally or to lease to deserving persons small plots for purposes of habitation?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon.—Encroachments on Village grazing grounds are *prima facie* objectionable and are as a rule ordered to be removed.

The question of leasing any of these plots to deserving persons for habitation will be considered on the merits of each case.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Are not these lands entirely set apart for cattle grazing?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon.—Yes. They are set apart for grazing cattle.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Are there sufficient lands at present in each village?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon.—I cannot say whether each village has got a grazing ground.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Are they sufficient for grazing cattle?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon.—A general observation cannot be made. There are localities where they may be sufficient. There are localities where they are in excess of what is required.

Number of Patta holders in the State.

408. **Mr. C. S. Viswanatha Ayyar.**— Will the Government be pleased to state the number of Patta holders in the State?

Mr K. Achyuta Menon.—87,767.

Loan Department—working of.

409. **Mr. A. Narayana Menon.**— Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(1) (a) how many cases were pending with the department when orders were passed to transfer Mr. P. Narayana Menon;

(b) how many cases had he finished and submitted for the orders of the Chief Loan Officer; (c) have loans been granted in all the cases recommended by him; (d) if not, how many are pending undisposed of; (e) why are they not disposed of as yet;

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